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# A grieving daughter's rage

**Victims' family fighting for creation of a vehicular-homicide law in Canada ◐ Man charged in fatal crash pleads guilty to separate driving offence ◐ Emotional daughter accosts man accused of causing her parents' death**

Varinder Badh confronted the man accused of causing the hit-and-run death of her parents in July 2008 at the Surrey Provincial Court yesterday.

Badh shouted at Ravinder Singh Binning, 29, in the hallway of the courthouse, calling him a coward and reminding him of her family's grief.

Binning is alleged to have been driving the car that killed Badh's parents, Dilbag Singh, 61, and Bakhshish Kaur Badh, 60.

"It is very difficult for us to be here," said Badh, who was accompanied by other family members. "It resurfaces a lot of emotion, anger and rage especially because if (he) had been banned from driving and had he not been driving, my parents would still be here."

Binning pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of flight from a police officer, obstruction of a police officer and impaired driving for a March 15, 2009 incident that happened just eight months after the fatal crash that killed Badh's parents.

The couple was returning from their daughter Rupi's engagement party when their red BMW was rear-ended at high speed by a white Acura at the 8500-block of 128th Street. Their car then slammed into a pole, killing the couple at the scene.

Varinder and Rupi, who was behind the wheel, were also injured. The two occupants of the Acura emerged from the wreck and fled the scene.

Binning is charged with two counts of dangerous driving causing death, dangerous driving causing bodily harm and failing to remain at the scene. He remains free on bail until his trial in February.

The family's presence yesterday was to send a message, Badh said.

"We wanted to make sure that he knew we weren't going anywhere and that we were going to continue advocating for this," she said. "His failure of acknowledgement is the frustration."

Binning is back in court Dec. 16 for sentencing for the 2009 incident. ● PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

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▶ Varinder Badh speaks to media outside Surrey Provincial Court yesterday. Her parents, Dilbag Singh and Bakhshish Kaur Badh, were killed in a hit-and-run accident in July 2008.

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## Woman busted for concealing OxyContin in underwear

Is that OxyContin in your pants, or are you just happy to see me?

That's probably not how the conversation went as a 48-year-old Chilliwack woman was caught allegedly trying to smuggle 110 OxyContin tablets over the Sumas border crossing by stashing the pills in her underwear.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection made the discovery after the woman, crossing the border on foot, was selected for secondary inspection.

An agency spokesperson said the woman, identified as Judy Veronica Peters, confessed to carrying the restricted narcotics during questioning, leading to a physical search and seizure of the tablets.

OxyContin is the brand name of a formula for oxycodone, a semi-synthetic narcotic used to relieve pain. In high doses, or when combined with alcohol, oxycodone can cause addiction, respiratory or circulatory collapse and death.

"This arrest reflects the imaginative ways that criminals will attempt to smuggle their narcotics across the border," acting area port director Deborah Engels said in a news release.

Agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations are probing the incident.

MATT KIELTYKA

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

▶ Seven hundred pairs of shoes line the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery to commemorate the hundreds of B.C. women killed by abusive men.

# Putting their best foot forward to end violence

### Memorial draws attention to women killed by men in B.C. 'Why are we told to hide our purses and not walk in certain areas?': Organizer

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Seven hundred pairs of women's shoes lined the stairs outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday to commemorate some 850 women killed by men over the past two decades in British Columbia.

The ninth annual shoe memorial, which originated as a way to remember women killed in abusive relationships, coincides with the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

"The memorial allows us to remember," said Pat Kelln of We Can B.C., a campaign to end violence against women. "It isn't about me, it's about them. We want to focus on the women who are no longer here because they were women."

Statistics Canada reports that 653,000 women across Canada claimed to be victims of spousal abuse in 2005.

Despite the numbers, Kelln says violence against women has taken a back seat to issues such as public safety.

"How often do you go walking on the street at night? Why are we told to hide our purses and not walk in certain areas?" she said.

"Why are women changing their behaviour because of criminal action? Just because we're women?"

Yesterday also marked the 22nd anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal. In 1989, Marc Lepine killed 14 female students before turning the gun on himself.

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# Missing senior found dead after search

An 81-year-old man who was reported missing on Vancouver Island has been found dead after an extensive four-day search.

William Fisher Sr. of Port Hardy was last seen Dec. 1 while on his way home from a medical appointment in Campbell River.

An RCMP news release says Fisher was found in his vehicle, which was sitting at the bottom of an embankment southwest of Port Hardy near Marble River.

The Mounties believe Fisher's vehicle left the highway and travelled down the embankment, although it's not clear when that happened or why.

The news release says the vehicle was located in an area that had previously been searched from the air.

The BC Coroners Service has been called in to determine the cause of death, while the RCMP investigates the cause of the crash.

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▶ Mayor Gregor Robertson meets with David McGuire at city hall yesterday to declare Run to Remember Day in Vancouver. McGuire will complete his cross-Canada run on Friday in Victoria and aims to raise awareness of preventable brain injury.

CRIME

## Grow-op busted in Agassiz

RCMP dismantled a 1,100-plant marijuana grow-op Nov. 26 and arrested four men at a property in Agassiz.

Police say the operation, in the 6200 block of Golf Road, was capable of producing $750,000 worth of marijuana annually. About five kilograms of dried pot, valued at $25,000, was also seized.

The four men, who are facing a possible charge of production of a controlled substance, were released on a promise to appear in court.

It is the second large marijuana-grow-op bust in less than a month for the detachment, said Sgt. Stu Falebrinza.

DANIEL PALMER

## Police search for credit-card skimmers

North Vancouver RCMP are looking for five bank fraudsters after a string of illegal withdrawals.

The suspects allegedly stole a point-of-sale terminal from a North Shore business, altered it to collect customers' credit-card information and then re-installed the device at an unsuspecting business.

The suspects then allegedly made withdrawals at various terminals throughout the Lower Mainland between June and August 2011.

Anyone with information about the suspects is asked to call Const. David Townsend at 604-969-7514.

DANIEL PALMER

## Female B.C. Mountie files lawsuit

Another female RCMP officer is accusing the force of harassment for her treatment while she worked with a drugs and organized crime unit in B.C.

Cpl. Elisabeth Mary Couture filed a lawsuit last week saying she was forced to work in an "atmosphere of fear and control" while she was with the unit between June 16, 2009, and Sept. 15, 2010.

Couture says in the suit she was told not to gossip or chit chat with other members, subjected to eavesdropping, instructed not to extend morning greetings to co-workers and even chastised and embarrassed in front of co-workers for talking.

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# on brain injury

- David McGuire recovered from brain injury and ran across Canada
- Run to Remember began on April 1 in St. John's

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Six years ago, David McGuire's parents were told their son might never wake up.

McGuire had suffered a massive bleed in his brain — thought to have been caused by cumulative concussions — and had spent nine days in a coma.

"I had my skull removed for 29 days," he said. "I went through a whole 'poor me' attitude for like two years," he said.

Yesterday, Mayor Gregor Robertson honoured McGuire by declaring Dec. 5 Run to Remember Day.

It commemorates McGuire's eight-month run across Canada to promote awareness of preventable brain injury — not a small feat for someone with significant brain trauma.

"They base your recovery on how much of the old you you get back, but there's no getting to know the new you," McGuire said.

"So I ran because it was something I could do myself."

McGuire said the lasting effect of his injury is short-term memory loss but that hasn't stopped him from joining forces with Brain-Trust Canada to promote awareness at schools across the country.

McGuire said 90 per cent of brain injuries are preventable, usually by wearing a helmet. Brain injuries are also the leading cause of death and disability in people under the age of 44.

"A simple concussion — there's no such thing. At the end of the day, a concussion is a brain injury," said McGuire.

Magda Kapp of Brain-Trust Canada said there are scarce long-term resources available to people with brain injuries.

**"I've done so much more since my injury. I have a much better respect of life and I'm much more empathetic of people and what put them in their place."**
DAVID MCGUIRE, RUNNER

"A huge amount of resources are spent to save their life, but after they're dismissed out of the hospital, then what?" Kapp said.

"Once people start to lose their friends and family support systems, they just spiral downward."

That downward spiral can sometimes lead to homelessness. A 2009 Toronto study found up to 58 per cent of the homeless have suffered traumatic brain injury.

Kerry Jang, city councillor and spokesman for the Mental Health Commission of Canada, said Vancouver's Downtown Eastside sees the same prevalence of brain injuries.

Jang said the city has implemented the Urban Health Initiative and other programs to help DTES workers distinguish between brain-injury and mental-illness behaviour.

Jang believes the city could do more — it could enforce bike-helmet use, for example.

"As Coun. Meggs found out when he had his accident — his helmet saved him," said Jang, referring to a Meggs' March 2010 cycling accident that resulted in Meggs being hospitalized.

McGuire will complete his cross-Canada run on Dec. 9 in Victoria.

To donate, go to runtoremember.com.

# Husband's death a shock: Manzur

## Woman who was allegedly blinded and tortured by her husband says his death has not brought closure

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▶ Rumana Manzur

A University of B.C. graduate student who was blinded in a vicious attack says she's shocked to learn her husband was found dead in a Bangladeshi prison.

In a statement, Rumana Manzur said the past six months have been very difficult for her, and the latest twist has not made her situation any easier.

"My focus continues to be on my recovery and taking care of my daughter and my family," she explains in the statement. "I won't be speaking publicly on this development because I am not comfortable given the lack of information."

Media reports from Bangladesh say Hasan Sayeed Sumon's body was found lying on a blanket in the bathroom of his prison cell, where he was being held on the charge of attempted murder.

Doctors initially said he died of cardiac failure, but later reports said he had marks from rope or handcuffs around his wrists and reddish marks on both sides of the neck.

Heather Amos, a UBC spokeswoman, says Manzur is on leave for the semester as she continues her recovery from the early June assault, where her eyes were gouged out and parts of her face bitten.

Doctors in Vancouver were unsuccessful in attempts to repair the 33-year-old mother's eyesight, and more than $86,000 has been raised by the community to support her.

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**"My focus continues to be on my recovery and taking care of my daughter and my family."**
RUMANA MANZUR

### Case history

- **Rumana Manzur** returned to visit her five-year-old daughter and husband in Bangladesh this past spring.
- **Hasan Sayeed Sumon** was accused of torturing Manzur and gouging her eyes on June 5 at her father's residence.
- **Sayeed Sumon** was arrested on June 15, within 10 days of Manzur's father filing a complaint.
- **A bdnews24.com** report said that Sayeed Sumon accused his wife of having an affair with an Iranian youth, which her friends denied.

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**Slippery.** Steps

▶ Three-year-old Euan Bardsley takes his first steps at the skating rink at Robson Square yesterday.

KENDRA WONG/FOR METRO

## Free frosty fun at Robson Square

**Vancouver's free outdoor skating rink, which began operating last week, officially opened its doors yesterday and will remain open until February. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, with longer hours on Friday and Saturday. Skate and helmet rentals are also available.**

# Port set to stay open during protest

Port Metro Vancouver plans to stay open and operational despite calls from Occupy Vancouver for a blockade Dec. 12.

Occupy movements down the West Coast have been planning a 12-hour "West Coast Coordinated Port Shutdown" action for that day and Vancouver protesters have voiced their support.

According to the Occupy Vancouver website, demonstrators will be meeting at Callister Park before marching towards the port.

Peter Xotta, vice-president of planning and operations, said Port Metro Vancouver is "monitoring the situation" with security and police and that he hopes the protest doesn't interfere with its operations.

"We take the issue of safety and security seriously," Xotta said. "We anticipate the port will be open for business and that the protest will be peaceful."

It's not known how many protesters will take part. MATT KIELTYKA

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# Vancouver police warn against holiday thieves

**Vancouver Police Department reminding shoppers not to keep valuables and presents in vehicles over the Christmas season**

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▶ Police officers dressed as crime-fighting characters the Green Hornet and Kato pretend to take down a thief at Royal Centre in Vancouver yesterday.

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The Vancouver Police Department issued a warning to shoppers about thieves looking to steal presents from cars this holiday season.

"It takes less than 10 seconds in the act to steal stuff from your car," cautioned Det. Phil Ens of the VPD's auto crime enforcement unit. "The thieves aren't worried about being caught."

Ens was dressed up as masked vigilante the Green Hornet for the photo opportunity that saw another officer smash a passenger window to get at unattended presents.

Police report a 20 to 25 per cent increase in auto theft during December, the busiest shopping month of the year.

**Safer parking**

- According to Det. Phil Ens, there has been a 47 per cent drop in crime in lots that have received a safer parking award.
- Many facilities also report zero crimes on a monthly basis, he added.

The VPD is urging shoppers to park in one of the city's 44 Safer Parking Initiative parkades.

Participating parking facilities have taken extra steps to ensure a safe environment for customers, such as more lighting and security.

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# New BC Ferries CEO announced

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Michael Corrigan has been named the new CEO and president of BC Ferries.

Corrigan has been working for the corporation for the last nine years as chief operating officer and executive vice-president of business development.

He replaces David Hahn, who resigned earlier this year.

The company also announced it was doing away with the controversial long-term bonus program for senior executives, which sees Hahn leave with nearly a million dollars in compensation.

Corrigan and three other executives will receive a one-time payment instead of long-term benefits.

Corrigan, who will be making $564,000 plus the one-time payment of $200,000, said he fully supports the cost-cutting measures.

"I care passionately about the ferry business and about BC Ferries and I want to make sure we're successful going forward," he said. "I would like to make a million dollars a year, but that's not in the cards and I knew that coming in."

The Canadian Taxpayers' Federation acknowledged that Corrigan will make 60 per cent less than his predecessor, but aren't getting overly excited.

"You'll have to forgive taxpayers for not throwing a parade along the Inside Passage following this announcement. $600,000 is still a hefty amount of money to run a heavily subsidized operation like BC Ferries," said CTF president Jordan Bateman. "Just six years before Hahn joined the million-dollar club, the same job earned him a much more reasonable $228,239."

BC Ferries says the new plan will save the company approximately $700,000 a year.

Corrigan's former role as COO will be eliminated, saving a further $600,000 a year.

Before joining BC Ferries, Corrigan worked for Westcoast Energy in B.C. and Ontario.

He also played for the Detroit Red Wings organization in the early 1980s.

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HANDOUT

▶ The Coastal Renaissance ferry

# Search for missing B.C. man continues in Nevada

Police in Nevada continue the search for Penticton resident Albert Chretien, nine months after he disappeared.

Albert Chretien's wife Rita survived, surfacing in May after 49 days alone in the wilderness. Albert had left their vehicle in search of help, and he hasn't been seen since, despite numerous searches.

The sheriff's office in Elko County said in August that the official search had ended, but now officials say they have continued to search during the past several months.

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# Two homes evacuated in Lillooet

Local officials in Lillooet say they're looking for ways to mitigate the risk caused by high ground water that's affecting local homes. Two homes have been evacuated and 18 more are under alert in Lillooet.

**Costly fix**

- Engineers are looking for a fix, but Grant Loyer of the District of Lillooet says it could cost more than $900,000.

Grant Loyer of the District of Lillooet says groundwater pushed through a road above a neighbourhood in the community.

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# B.C. coroner to hold inquest into police-shooting death

The B.C. Coroners Service has announced an inquest into the death of a man who was shot by Vancouver police.

Darrell Elroy Barnes, 48, died on July 22 after he was shot by police during a confrontation in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

The inquest is set to begin July 30, 2012 and is scheduled for five days.

A jury will hear evidence from witnesses to determine the facts surrounding the man's death and can make recommendations to prevent similar deaths in the future.

A coroners jury cannot make findings of legal responsibility.

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# police in Greek capital

- Marches commemorate fatal police shooting of teenager in 2008
- Policeman seriously injured after several firebombs thrown at him

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▶ A riot policeman tries to avoid firebombs thrown by youths during clashes in front of the tomb of the unknown soldier outside the Greek Parliament in Athens yesterday.

Two separate marches commemorating the third anniversary of the fatal police shooting of a teenager in central Athens ended in clashes with riot police outside Parliament yesterday.

In the evening, more than a thousand anarchists threw stones, bottles and firebombs at the police, who responded with tear gas and stun grenades as Greek lawmakers debated the 2012 budget.

The rioters were part of a march staged by leftist groups during which more than 3,000 took part, according to police. Many of the marchers who were not involved in the riot dispersed but a few hundred continued their march past Parliament.

Riot police gave chase to the anarchists, who split into smaller groups. Some gathered at the site where 15-year-old Alexis Grigoropoulos was fatally shot by a policeman on Dec. 6, 2008 for a commemorative ceremony in his honour. Sporadic clashes with police broke out near the site.

In a separate march earlier yesterday, about 2,000 students hurled rocks and bottles at police and smashed two nearby store fronts and three bus stops. Other groups of teenagers attacked two suburban police stations with rocks and bottles.

Police said 14 officers were injured, 11 demonstrators were arrested and 38 detained.

Some 5,000 police were on duty in the capital for yesterday's rallies.

Violence also was reported in Greece's second-largest city, Thessaloniki, where police detained two people after a crowd of youths threw rocks at a government building. An evening march in the city was largely peacefully, but four demonstrators were taken to a hospital with head injuries from riot police batons.

There also were violent clashes in at least six other Greek cities.

Grigoropoulos' death had sparked two weeks of the worst rioting the country had seen in decades. Last year, a court sentenced a police officer to life in prison for the death, and a second officer to 10 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Search to go on but no remains found

▶ Shannan Gilbert

Police investigating the deaths of 10 people in a suspected serial murder case on Long Island unexpectedly deployed divers and K-9 units yesterday to a marshland and adjoining waters near where a prostitute went missing 18 months ago but said no human remains were found.

A top police official declined to comment at a late afternoon briefing on whether any "significant items" linked to the disappearance of 24-year-old Shannan Gilbert of Jersey City, N.J., had been uncovered. Suffolk County Police Inspector Stuart Cameron said teams would return today with heavy equipment to chop down tall reeds and other obstacles along the shorefront to enhance the search effort.

Gilbert's disappearance from the Oak Beach gated community on May 1, 2010, prompted what has become one of Long Island's largest-ever police investigations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Mom shoots kids, kills herself

A Texas woman who for months was unable to qualify for food stamps pulled a gun in a state welfare office and held a seven-hour standoff with police that ended with her shooting her two children before killing herself, officials said yesterday.

The 10-year-old boy and 12-year-old girl remained in critical condition. Authorities identified the mother as Rachelle Grimmer, 38, and children Ramie and Timothy.

Police negotiators stayed on the phone with Grimmer throughout the evening, but she kept hanging up, Laredo police investigator Joe Baeza said. She allegedly told negotiators about a litany of complaints against state and federal government agencies.

The children were "very critical" and unconscious, Baeza said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## T.O. mayor's old site 'repurposed'

An unknown Internet prankster is using a website address formerly used by Toronto Mayor Rob Ford to send people on a wild web chase.

Visitors to the site — robford.ca — were being greeted briefly by the message, "Rob, we're sorry!!" before being redirected to another site.

For a while yesterday, they ended up at the site for the Toronto Star newspaper, which has been critical of Ford and his cost-cutting measures at city hall, and is currently engaged in a public feud with the mayor.

Later in the day, users were being sent to a Wikipedia page about Robert Ford, an American outlaw known for killing Jesse James in 1882.

In a statement released late last night, Ford's office said they were aware of the website issue.

"This domain name has not been used by the mayor for some time," the statement said. "It was previously used as the personal councillor website for then-councillor Rob Ford."

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# Congo waiting on election results

- Final tally delayed 48 hours
- President's mandate extended
- Americans told to stay home amidst fears of violence

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▶ Police form a barricade outside the U.S. Consulate in Toronto yesterday behind people protesting Congo's botched election. Three people were arrested during the protest.

Congo — and its mishap-scarred election — was in limbo yesterday.

Officials announced a 48-hour delay in the publication of election results from last week's disputed presidential ballot — causing protests.

The government dispatched helicopters to the remote corners of the country to pick up missing tally sheets.

And the clock stopped on Joseph Kabila's presidency.

The threat of unrest hung over the troubled capital, Kinshasa, and international airlines cancelled their flights amid fears over violence.

The U.S. Embassy ordered its staff and their families not to leave their residences until further notice.

The American School of Kinshasa will be closed.

The 48-hour delay was all but inevitable following an election that was marred by massive technical glitches.

Some ballots didn't reach polling stations until three days after the vote was supposed to take place.

And even though it was clear that the election commission was not prepared for last week's ballot, the government rushed ahead with the election because the president's five-year term was set to expire at midnight last night.

The 48-hour delay means Kabila will be staying in office past his legal mandate — and analysts worry the country could slide into a situation of unconstitutional power.

"As we haven't yet been able to receive the tally sheets from all 60,000 polling stations in the country, we decided to push back the publication by 48 hours," said Matthieu Mpita of the National Independent Electoral Commission.

"It was our objective to make the deadline," he said, "but we need all the elements."

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# Man faces charges in lesbian custody struggle

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▶ Lisa Miller, left, and Janet Jenkins. Their relationship ended.

A man who U.S. officials say helped a woman leave the country with her daughter to avoid giving custody to her former lesbian partner surrendered yesterday to face charges he aided in international parental kidnapping.

It's alleged Kenneth Miller, 46, arranged passage for Lisa Miller to travel to Canada before flying with her daughter in 2009 to Nicaragua, where she was sheltered for a time by Mennonite missionaries.

Kenneth Miller appeared in U.S. District Court in Vermont and was released, said U.S. Attorney Tristram Coffin.

Lisa Miller and Janet Jenkins moved to Vermont to be joined in a civil union in 2000. Two years later, Miller gave birth to Isabella, conceived through artificial insemination. The couple split in 2003, with Miller renouncing homosexuality and becoming a Christian.

A judge gave Lisa Miller custody of the girl but ordered regular visits with Jenkins in Vermont. Miller defied court visitation orders for several years.

In 2009, a Vermont judge turned custody of the child over to Jenkins.

Prosecutors say Lisa Miller and the child travelled to Nicaragua in 2009 before the handover could take place.

Earlier this year, prosecutors indicted an American Mennonite missionary living in Nicaragua, Timothy Miller, on charges of helping Lisa Miller reach Central America.

In October, prosecutors dropped the charges against Timothy Miller in exchange for his co-operation.

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# Liberals to keep sex in new bullying law

Ontario's Liberal government says it's not prepared to abandon the sex-ed component of a pending anti-bullying law.

The pledge comes despite criticism by religious leaders that the component is an affront to family values.

Christians, Jews and Muslim say they agree bullies must be stopped.

But they can't condone a requirement that schools promote sexual tolerance through gay clubs.

Charles McVety, of the Institute for Canadian Values, says Premier Dalton McGuinty is using bullying to advance "his radical sex-education agenda."

Education Minister Laurel Broten rejected these criticisms as "homophobic."

She said her job is to make sure every child finds school a warm and inviting place.

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# My ring saved me from grave

A woman has told a British jury how she used her engagement ring to free herself after her boyfriend tried to bury her alive.

Michelina Lewandowska, 27, accuses him of binding her with tape and putting her in a cardboard box that he buried. She said she used her ring to cut the tape, then tore apart the box.

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# Soviets know our North well

- Cold War fears bolstered: Subs patrolled Arctic
- Their maps were more detailed than Canadian ones

Shades of Red October.

Cold-War-era nautical charts appear to support the widely held belief that Soviet nuclear submarines routinely patrolled the Canadian Arctic during the Cold War.

What's more, the charts are still in use by Russian vessels because they are more detailed than Canadian ones.

"I can't help but think back to The Hunt For Red October, where Sean Connery plays the captain of a Soviet nuclear missile submarine and relies on the accuracy of Soviet charts to avoid a torpedo that's been shot at his ship," said Arctic expert Michael Byers. "These charts indicate that the Soviets were in fact that competent."

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**"At the current rate of charting, it will take 300 years for the Canadian Hydrographic Service to bring all our charts for the Canadian archipelago to world standards," said Michael Byers.**

Photos of the charts, seen by The Canadian Press, suggest Russian mariners have for decades possessed detailed knowledge of crucial internal waterways such as the Northwest Passage.

The charts, covering strategic Arctic waterways, appear to be clearly marked with Soviet insignia, including the red star and the hammer and sickle.

Byers said: "The Soviet navy was extremely capable and also was willing to take considerable risk.

"Sending submarines into the Canadian archipelago, which was heavily monitored by NATO, thousands of miles away from Soviet assistance, was a perilous thing to do.

"It was a phenomenal accomplishment."

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**Homecoming.** Tim's time

▶ Lisa Frye, a civilian member of the Canadian Forces Personnel Support Programs Division who worked at the Tim Hortons in Kandahar, holds a box of the last Timbits to be made there. She arrived in Edmonton yesterday.

HEATHER MACINTYRE/METRO

## Timbits? Just call 'em spoils of war

**After the Tim Hortons in Kandahar, Afghanistan, closed last month, those who had worked there decided to bake up some keepsakes. And so, the last batch of Timbits ever made there landed at the Edmonton airport yesterday on a flight bringing not only soldiers home but also many civilians who staffed the store. The Timbits were frozen and will be kept as war souvenirs — somehow.**

## An app for Ronnie Mac

Ronald McDonald House has launched Kidscape on iTunes, an app made by kids to help kids.

It's a gaming app featuring images drawn by kids staying at Ronald McDonald Houses — for families of kids being treated at area hospitals.

App prices: Kidscape City for $0.99, Kidscape Farm for $4.99 and Kidscape Space for $19.99.

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## Issue won't go away

Stephen Harper heads to the White House today to unveil a long-awaited border security agreement with U.S. President Barack Obama.

But the fate of the $7 billion Keystone XL pipeline is sure to be discussed at some point.

The project was shelved at least temporarily by the Obama administration a month ago.

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## Women mourn massacre victims, Tories not welcome

Hundreds of women gathered on Parliament Hill yesterday to mark the slaying of 14 women in Montreal 22 years ago.

They are angry with the Harper government over its decision to abolish the long-gun registry.

Conservatives were not invited to the event.

Gun control advocate Wendy Cukier said the Dec. 6 anniversary of the mass shooting at the École Polytechnique has a dual meaning. "More than ever before, we must mourn but we must also work for change,'' she told the crowd, many waving placards with "Save the gun registry" slogans.

**"We have to stand together like today, bravely, against a government that is turning back the clock on women's rights."**

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Friends and relatives of the slain women placed roses into an urn and posters bearing their smiling faces were held aloft by the crowd.

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## Students to be occupied

Occupy demonstrations will be the focal point of a new university course being offered in Calgary.

Starting in January, Mount Royal University assistant professor Roberta Lexier will begin teaching the Occupy Wall Street course.

"It really demonstrates that the issues we are dealing (with) in our world are not simple," she said.

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▶ Relatives attempt to comfort an Afghan man outside of a hospital in Kabul yesterday.

# Bomb kills 56 in Kabul

- Suicide bomber strikes crowd of Shiite worshippers in Afghan capital
- 4 more dead in Mazar-i-Sharif

In Afghanistan's first major sectarian assault since the fall of the Taliban regime a decade ago, a suicide bomber slaughtered 56 Shiite worshippers and wounded more than 160 others yesterday outside a Shiite shrine in the capital.

The Taliban condemned the attack, which was reminiscent of the wave of sectarian bloodshed that shook Iraq during the height of the war there. Suspicion centred on militant groups based in neighbouring Pakistan, where Sunni attacks on minority Shiites are common.

A man who claimed to be from Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a Pakistan-based group that has carried out attacks against Shiite Muslims, called media outlets in Pakistan to claim responsibility. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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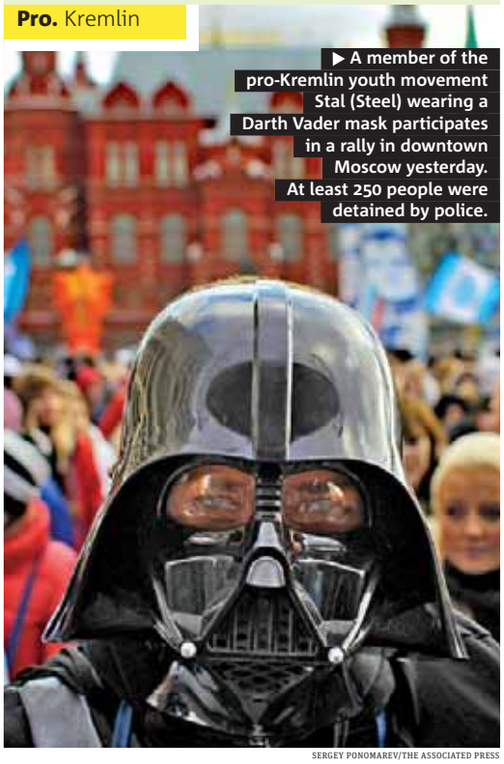

▶ A member of the pro-Kremlin youth movement Stal (Steel) wearing a Darth Vader mask participates in a rally in downtown Moscow yesterday. At least 250 people were detained by police.

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## Youth storm Moscow

**Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday he's satisfied with the performance of his party in Russia's parliamentary election even though it lost a significant number of seats, adding that a drop in support is "inevitable" for any ruling party. The statement came as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton again criticized the election.**

# Radiation found in Japanese baby food

**31 The levels of cesium-134 and cesium-137 in the milk were up to 31 becquerels per kilogram, which is below the government limit of 200 becquerels per kilogram for milk.**

Traces of radiation spilled from Japan's hobbled nuclear plant were detected in baby formula yesterday in the latest case of contaminated food in the nation.

Major food and candy maker Meiji Co. said it was recalling canned powdered milk for infants, with expiration dates of October 2012, as a precaution.

The levels of radioactive cesium were below government-set safety limits, and Meiji said the amounts were low enough not to have any effect on babies' health. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.S. rallies around gays

**President to announce strategy to combat abuses against homosexuals abroad ◐ Washington to work with international organizations**

The Obama administration is announcing a wide-ranging effort to use U.S. foreign aid to promote rights for gays and lesbians abroad, including combating attempts by foreign governments to criminalize homosexuality.

In a memorandum issued yesterday, President Barack Obama directed U.S. agencies working abroad to use foreign aid to help gays and lesbians who face human rights violations. He also ordered U.S. agencies to protect gay and lesbian refugees and asylum seekers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Barack Obama

**Outreach**

- Barack Obama's announcement is part of the White House's outreach to gays and lesbians. Obama has advocated for the repeal of the military's ban on openly gay service members and ordered the administration to stop enforcing a law defining marriage as between man and woman.

# Blagojevich could get harsh jail term

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▶ Rod Blagojevich

After all his claims of innocence, and facing years in prison, Rod Blagojevich let his lawyers make an admission that he has so far avoided – that he is, in fact, guilty of public corruption.

The former Illinois governor will get a chance to do the same today, when he is scheduled to address the judge who will decide his sentence.

Judge James Zagel signalled yesterday he may be prepared to impose a stiff prison sentence, saying he thinks Blagojevich lied when he told jurors he never tried to sell or trade an appointment to President Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat for campaign cash or a top job.

Throughout the first day of his two-day sentencing hearing, the impeached executive-turned-reality TV star known for his jocular personality was sombre and ill-at-ease, staring down at the floor. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Lady Gaga

## Lady Gaga to pay house call

Lady Gaga is coming to the White House.

The pop singer was meeting with Obama administration staffers yesterday to discuss her work on bullying prevention.

However, Gaga will not have a chance to meet with President Barack Obama. He is travelling to Kansas for a speech on the economy.

The president and Gaga have met before. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

### Neighbour from hell arrested

**NEW YORK.** A family in New York City is expressing relief after the arrest of a neighbour, who is accused of making more than 150 fake calls to police dispatchers using their address. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Pill's risks to be spelled out?

**WASHINGTON.** U.S. government health regulators are leaning toward adding new information about the risk of blood clots to labels of widely prescribed birth control pills such as Yaz. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## News in brief

### Police recover 2 stolen dogs

Police say two of four British bulldog puppies stolen from an Ajax, Ont., store have been recovered. Police say someone forced their way into The Puppy Store early Monday and made off with the four puppies.

Investigators located one of the pups — valued at $2,000 each — for sale on the Internet website Kijiji. That led to the arrest of two people and the recovery of one puppy. A second puppy was found during a raid on an Ajax home.

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### Mayor missing in Arctic

Search teams are still looking for the mayor of an Arctic hamlet who hasn't been seen since he went caribou hunting alone 10 days ago.

Jamesie Kootoo, who is 67, is both mayor and coroner for the Baffin Island community of Kimmirut in Nunavut.

Kootoo is an experienced hunter and has been missing before — the last time he had a fractured pelvis and still survived.

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### Man dies in bike crash

Authorities say an 18-year-old Washington state man is dead after he crashed his motorcycle a half-hour after passing his motorcycle-licence test.

Bellingham police spokesman Mark Young says David Swift had just passed a car and was waving on his brother when he lost control, hit a curb and slid.

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# Search for E.T. is back on

**News of 'Earth's twin' has science world excited ◐ Kepler-22b could support life ◐ NASA has reported 54 potential Earth-like candidates**

The first confirmed planet that could be "Earth's twin" seems to have a lot going for it.

It apparently has a comfy 21 C surface temperature, a rocky surface, an ocean, a sun to orbit and a position smack in the middle of the habitable "Goldilocks" zone in relation to that sun (neither too hot nor too cold).

All this is sheer scientific speculation about the planet called Kepler-22b, but it's enough to make NASA celebrate.

"This is a major milestone on the road to finding Earth's twin," said Douglas Hudgins, Kepler program scientist at NASA's Washington headquarters.

"I think there are two things that are really exciting about Kepler-22b," said Natalie Batalha, the deputy science team leader at NASA's Ames Research Center. "One is that it's right in the middle of this habitable zone.

"The second thing that's really exciting is it's orbiting a star very, very similar to our own sun. This is a solar analogue, almost a solar twin, very similar to our own sun and you've got a planet 2.4 times the size of the Earth right smack in the habitable zone."

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**"The tremendous growth in the number of Earth-size candidates tells us that we're honing in on the planets Kepler was designed to detect: those that are not only Earth-size, but also are potentially habitable."**

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# Santa promising less in poor economy

## Those playing the jolly bearded one during the holidays are hearing more from kids about tough times

A job for their mom or dad. Money for the heating bill. Food or a place to live. Maybe gloves or boots.

More and more, Santas say the children on their laps are asking for less — and Santa is promising less as well.

With unemployment in the U.S. stubbornly high, more homes in foreclosure and the economic outlook dim, many children who visit Santa are all too aware of the struggle to make ends meet.

"These children understand the conditions around the home when they ask for stuff. They understand when there are other children in the family, they need to be cautious or thoughtful of them as well and not ask for 10 to 12 items," said Richard Holden, a 69-year-old Santa from Gastonia, N.C.

Cliff Snider, who's been playing Santa since he was a teenager, agrees.

"I think the parents are saying, 'It's an economic thing. Just list two to three things you really want to have,'" he said. "Parents are trying to encourage the children to be thrifty."

"Families are teaching their children to be as much of a giver as a receiver," said Tom Valent, dean of the Howard Santa school in Midland, Mich., which gets more than 3,000 letters to Santa a year and just graduated its 75th class.

Texan mother Starlight Fonseca has been teaching her five children, ages 5 to 14, "that we're not the only ones who have to cut things back. We're not the only ones struggling."

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▶ Santa Claus gets a kiss on the cheek from Bella Champion, 3, during a Christmas photo shoot at the Beach Shack in Emerald Isle, N.C.

# EU to probe Apple over ebook pricing

The European Union's antitrust watchdog is probing whether Apple helped five major publishing houses illegally raise prices for ebooks when it launched its iPad tablet and iBookstore in 2010.

The probe, announced yesterday by the European Commission, offers a glimpse into the fierce fight for shares of the growing ebook market, especially as Apple has tried to take on Amazon and its Kindle ebook reader. It also highlights the struggle for profits between retailers and publishers, as more and more readers download books electronically.

In particular, the commission is investigating a significant shift in the way the price of ebooks is determined that occurred in 2010, just as Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple introduced the iPad and its own online bookshop, iBookstore.

The commission stressed the probe did not mean the companies actually broke EU laws. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Holiday cheer is all in the cards: Survey

A survey for Canada Post suggests physical greeting cards are still a favourite Canadian holiday tradition.

Overall, the Harris/Decima survey of around 1,000 Canadian adults found that 87 per cent of Canadians between 18 and 24 prefer receiving holiday cards in the mail, but many admitted that they would most likely send e-cards, due to lack of time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Privacy czar warns online advertisers

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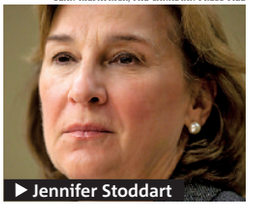

▶ Jennifer Stoddart

Online advertisers who balk at following new guidelines for collecting the personal information of web users could become targets of enforcement, Canada's privacy czar said yesterday.

Releasing the guidance document, Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said Internet users should have the clear choice to say no to being tracked.

"We want people to understand what is going on before their personal information is collected," Stoddart said.

"If we see troubling trends, we will take enforcement action."

At their heart, Stoddart said, the guidelines are aimed at promoting trust among consumers, which means respecting privacy rights when it comes to collecting personal information.

Many Canadians simply don't know they are being tracked as they browse the web, she said.

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# BAH, HUMBUG? BLAME DICKENS FOR CHRISTMAS

## JUST SAYIN' ...

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Yikes!

It's only the first week of December and I'm already suffering from an overdose of yule. Barely a minute goes by before some company, be it Mercedes Benz or Victoria's Secret, tries to twist my Christmas goodwill into cash at the till. Santa Claus is more common than the cold, and any turkey that survived Thanksgiving is sure to be done like dinner by Dec. 25.

I blame Charles Dickens, who turns 200 not long after Christmas — Feb. 7, 2012, to be precise. Well, actually he's dead and has been since 1870. But the man who wrote A Christmas Carol is no less responsible for Christmas as we know it.

As you know, as it's impossible to avoid, A Christmas Carol is the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserable old fart who sees the error of his ways thanks to being haunted by three very memorable ghosts on Christmas Eve, and becomes an improbably wonderful, kind, generous friend to all, especially to Tiny Tim, his clerk's frail little son.

**"Historians believe Christmas is largely the result of a mid-Victorian revival prompted by A Christmas Carol."**

Historians believe Christmas is largely the result of a mid-Victorian revival prompted by A Christmas Carol. Dickens reintroduced warmth into what had become mainly a religious holiday by immortalizing family feasts, greeting cards, seasonal food and drink, fun and games, and an SUV under every tree.

Even though it was published in 1843, A Christmas Carol is not going away soon. There are 200 million copies in print. It's been made into a movie at least 20 times, the most recent being the 2009 Disney 3-D version starring Jim Carey as Scrooge.

We are bombarded by the imagery and iconography of this Dickensian Christmas. Holly, yule logs, crackling fires (where would we be without the 24-7 fireplace channel on cable?), gift giving, carols and the like have been co-opted into an orgy of commercial excess that now begins on or about Halloween, another festival with pagan roots that's completely out of control.

If we don't spend more to achieve the perfect Dickensian Christmas this year than we did last year, business commentators scold us for lacking consumer confidence and the market drops.

I suspect that Dickens, if confronted with this spectacle, would exclaim, "Bah, humbug" in his best Scrooge, and storm off into the night. After all, despite the vast sums made from the conversion of Scrooge, Dickens only ever saw profits that would equate to a mere $138,275.10 today.

Of course he was the first to try and cash in, writing a Christmas piece in every subsequent year and featuring Scrooge at many of his profitable public readings.

He may have been the first, but he won't be the last. God bless us, everyone.

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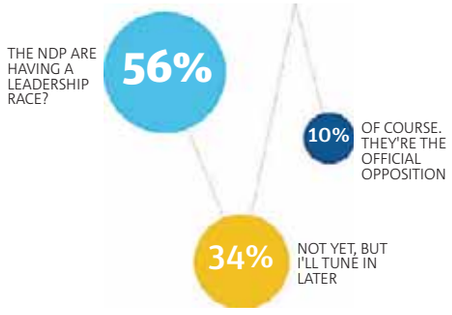


## Local tweets

- **@Farhan LaljiTSN:** Stasny will not play tonight vs #canucks - torso inj, skated today, day to day. #Avs will play with 7 D
- **@MikeMartignago:** Former Spurs defender Lee Young-Pyo is now in Vancouver. Formal announcement from #WhitecapsFC expected in the next day or two.
- **@Erica_Sigurdson:** hey Vancouver - this Tuesday I'll be spearheading the show @ The Comedy Mix, come out, have some pre-christmas laughs with us! comedymix.com
- **@SpareMeADream:** Higgy.....come back. #Canucks
- **@derrickokeefe:** Just checked out the new capitalist realist art piece 'Ugly Blue Fence' outside the Vancouver Art Gallery. #occupyvancouver
- **@Rubika_n:** Robson Square ice rink officially open!
- **@chloeernst:** Only a few ice skaters, but the rink at Robson Square is open. twitpic.com/7pf8ht
- **@TravisLulay:** @Coach_Brillo huge respect, on & off the field, for the man that gave me the opp in this league. Forever indebted to Wally, thanks coach!

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## Daily Zoom

# Florida crocs make a comeback

## A tale of two forces

A wildlife biologist holds a small crocodile that will be released into one of the cooling canals adjacent to the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in Homestead, Fla.

An unexpected but fruitful relationship has blossomed between the American crocodile and the nuclear power plant.

The crocodile-monitoring program began in 1978, a year after employees stumbled upon a crocodile nest in the plant's cooling canal system. It turns out that Florida Power and Light was building prime croc habitat just as virtually every other developer was paving it over.

Wildlife officials give the state's largest public utility part of the credit for a five-fold increase in the species' population in Florida.

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**8 Wildlife biologists use an Avid Microchip Scanner to scan the stomach of a small crocodile. Microchips are used as a reference ID, much like a thumb print, to scan the captured animal, as well as to track any animal that falls prey to others as a result of cannibalism. Biologists said one crocodile was found with eight chips inside its belly.**

## Endangered

**A wildlife biologist measures a small crocodile.**

- South Florida's rampant development eroded the crocodile's habitat over decades of booming growth. By the 1970s, there were less than 300 in the state. The federal government had classified the species as endangered, meaning it was in danger of becoming extinct.

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▶ Zac Efron and Michelle Pfeiffer star in the romantic comedy New Year's Eve.

# Big screen milestones

## Efron celebrates sharing a movie kiss with Michelle Pfeiffer They star in New Year's Eve

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While New Year's Eve isn't the first time Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron have crossed paths on screen — they had a few choice scenes in 2007's Hairspray — it does mark an important milestone in their professional relationship, at least as far as Efron is concerned.

"I met Michelle a few years ago, during Hairspray, and had a huge crush on her — always, from day one. Back then I was very, very young and very bashful, and just around her I tended to put my foot in my mouth a lot. I didn't really know what to say to her, and everything just came out wrong," Efron remembers. "I didn't know what to do. I was very shy. But then I got to talk on the phone with her about this part, I remember. And she said, 'I think we should take this to the next level. We should really push it. Let's get a kiss in there.' And I was like, 'I'm in! I'm in this movie, sign me up. Let's do it.'"

In the film, another romantic comedy omnibus in the style of Valentine's Day from director Gary Marshal, Pfeiffer stars as Ingrid, a mild-mannered office drone brought out of her shell by Efron's brash bike messenger.

"I'm the envy of every girl across the planet, I think. I got a kiss in there with Zac Efron. Pretty clever of me, at the ripe old age of 53," Pfeiffer says.

Efron is the eternal optimist, though, despite having to battle the elements during filming.

"On the plus side, it was basically us snuggling very close. So it was kind of nice," he says of the frigid conditions. "I felt very comforted."

For Efron, the biggest challenge in the film arose when it came time to finally get that kiss with Pfeiffer.

"I remember I was in my hotel room the night before, imagining how I was going to kiss her, and it was awesome. I was the man in every way," he says.

"And then I went to execute on the day, and right when I got to the crucial moment a huge piece of confetti flew right into my mouth."

Better luck next year.

# SITTING THROUGH A FAMILIAR FILM

## IN FOCUS

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Wikipedia says "babysitting is commonly performed as an odd job by teenagers for extra money." While that is undoubtedly the stereotype, the movies have shown us that babysitters come in all shapes and sizes.

This weekend Jonah Hill plays an irresponsible college student who reluctantly looks after his neighbour's wild kids. How wild is it? Well, let's put it this way; I don't think Nanny McPhee had a "red band" trailer.

If it sounds familiar, it should. Twenty-four years ago babysitter Elisabeth Shue led her young charges through the streets of Chicago in Adventures in Babysitting. At one point they end up on a nightclub stage. The leader of the house band, played by blues legend Albert Collins, says, "Nobody leaves this place without singing the blues."

After an awkward pause she improvises the Babysitting Blues.

"It's so hard babysitting these guys," she sings. "And they should be in bed," replies the guitar player over a classic blues-rock riff.

The most lovable movie minder has to be John Candy as Uncle Buck. Even though he pretends to be capable of mutilation with power tools, he's less violent than Rebecca De Mornay in The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, manlier than Robin Williams in Mrs. Doubtfire and more alive than all the babysitters in Halloween.

In the movie's most famous scene he answers a barrage of questions from his nephew, played by Macaulay Culkin.

On the day of filming the younger actor couldn't remember all the questions, so Candy wrote them out and hid them where Culkin could read them. Now that's something a great babysitter would do.

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**Mueller**

A Colorado judge will let actor Charlie Sheen's ex-wife, Brooke Mueller, to return to California following her arrest in Aspen on assault and drug charges.
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# A review, straight from the writer

**Mark Breslin gives his opinion on his new book, Road Warriors and Rarities The review isn't scathing**

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Asked to review my own book, I thought, "Finally…some journalistic objectivity!"

So here goes.

"Mark Breslin's new audiobook about the history of Canadian standup comedy is simply the best audiobook ever written and recorded in the history of the medium."

OK, maybe a bit over the top.

"Mark Breslin's new audiobook is a miserable and useless collection of irrelevant cuts by a writer clearly past his prime, trying to hold on to old, sad memories."

Hmmmnn… a bit rough on myself. Let me try again.

"I looked forward to Mark Breslin's new audiobook, Road Warriors and Rarities, with some anticipation. I enjoyed his last foray into the history of Canadian standup, and was grateful for the way he merged well-chosen audio tracks and personal reminiscences into a seamless blend all his own.

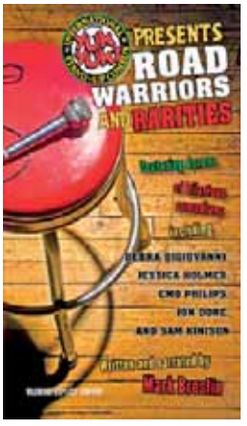
But while the earlier volume was laden with theories of how race, class and gender affect our national humour, this CD collections uses geography as its starting point and organizing motif.

There are fewer stars on this edition, but comedy fans will recognize names such as Debra DiGiovanni, Jon Dore, Sam Kinison, and many others. Perversely, Breslin even states that stars don't really hold his interest — he's fascinated by comics he thinks are every bit as good as household names, but that few people know. After listening to over 50 tracks, I wouldn't argue with him.

The CDs are arranged by section: Rarities, including the brilliant but esoteric gems Sean Keane and Sheila Gostick; Expatriates, both to the U.S. and the U.K. ; Homegrown Stars, with comics like the great Red Green, Maggie Casella, and The Frantics; and Road Warriors, a set of the newer, stars-of-tomorrow, with Mark DeBonis, Mark Little and Terry Clement being standouts.

Breslin introduces each comic with an appreciation of their work, and his insights are keen and personal, except for the last disc where I found them a bit rushed and forced.

All in all, definitely worth a listen, especially on a long drive, or a perfect holiday gift for the lover of comedy in your life."

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# The Shore gets another scent

**JWOWW is latest celeb to release signature fragrance ‘Sexy perfume’ reeks of classy rebranding and ‘inspired by days and nights down the shore’**

## THE WORD

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Not to be outdone by fellow Jersey Shore cast-member Snooki releasing her own perfume, busty reality star JWoww is releasing her own signature fragrance, too.

The perfume, also called JWoww, comes out just in time for the holiday season, retailing at such choice outlets as Kmart, Amazon.com and JWowwPerfume.com.

According to the press release, JWoww is a “sexy perfume inspired by days and nights down the shore” (note the New Jersey colloquialism “down the shore,” which means “at the beach”).

Just in case we can fool ourselves into thinking this scent wasn’t created by a bunch of Chinese child labourers mixing together a bunch of synthetic compounds into something resembling “sweet,” there’s even a hilarious run down of the “notes” in the $29.99 bottle:

**Top notes:** Anjou pear, sparkling citron, fresh air
**Middle notes:** Rose petals, geranium blossom, sheer muguet
**Bottom notes:** Sandalwood, deep musk, white moss

A tiny gold JWOWW charm adorns the sleek bottle, which was also created by JWoww.

This is some seriously classy rebranding from JWoww here.

I love that “fresh air” is included as one of the predominant “notes,” in place of, say, “vomit after a night of Red Bull, 2 a.m. chicken wings, and half a case of Miller Lite,” which is what I think of when we think of smells “inspired by days and nights down the shore.”

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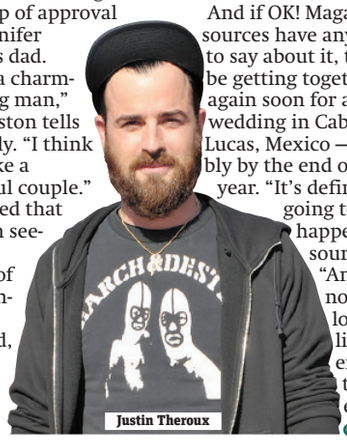
▶ Jenni “JWOWW” Farley attends the MTV Europe Music Awards 2011 last month in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

# Daddy Aniston likes Theroux

Justin Theroux has gotten the stamp of approval from Jennifer Aniston’s dad.

“He’s a charming young man,” John Aniston tells Us Weekly. “I think they make a wonderful couple.” John added that he’s been seeing a fair amount of his daughter’s boyfriend, as they “get together whenever we can.”



Justin Theroux

And if OK! Magazine’s sources have anything to say about it, they’ll be getting together again soon for a wedding in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico — possibly by the end of the year. “It’s definitely going to happen,” a source says. “And right now it’s looking like sooner rather than later.”

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▶ Johnny Depp

# Depp’s bodyguard accused of assault

The Los Angeles Police Department is interested in speaking with Johnny Depp after one of his bodyguards was accused of assaulting a disabled woman at an Iggy Pop concert last week, according to TMZ.

According to the filed complaint, Robyn Ecker — who paid $600 for her tickets to the concert — claims a member of Depp’s entourage grabbed her wrists and wrestled her to the ground after she was dancing too close to his VIP table.

Ecker went to the hospital before filing the complaint.

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## Celebrity tweets

@ConanOBrien

Had a great celebrity sighting today: the @DalaiLama at Chipotle.

@joelmchale

Contest: find the account on twitter w/the fewest # of followers & the largest number of tweets. Prize: DVD of the Chevy Chase’s Karate Dog.

@HankAzaria

I confuse tackle with tickle a lot.

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Slightly confusing doing press for two films simultaneously. Keep talking about Ethan Hunt’s faithful canine sidekick, Snowy.

# Rosie’s engaged

Rosie O’Donnell and new girlfriend Michelle Rounds’ whirlwind romance just picked up speed, as O’Donnell announced on her talk show that the pair are engaged and will be tying the knot over Christmas, according to Hollyscoop.

According to friends, the couple is “very, very happy.”

Not so happy? Rounds’ parents, who claim they only recently learned their 40-year-old daughter is a lesbian.

“This has been a painful experience for me and my wife,” Roger Rounds said previously.

“We’d always held out hope that Michelle would eventually find a nice guy to marry, settle down and have kids. And now this — it’s pretty shocking stuff for us to digest.”

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▶ Rosie O’Donnell

# First Tango in Buenos Aires

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I've been in Buenos Aires for less than an hour and already I'm feeling the bizarre atmosphere of addiction and romance that's at the heart of the world of tango.

"It used to be just Argentines who danced tango," my taxi driver is enthusing. "Now people come from Australia, Canada, Europe... even Korea and Japan."

Tango attracts particularly dedicated — not to say fanatical — followers and for millions of people the Argentine capital has become the ultimate place of pilgrimage.

Private tango tuition rather than group classes is considered a must, so I'm partnered with fellow tango-virgin, Turkish TV presenter Asli Pelit, for my first foray into the dance. We take our first tentative baby steps as tangueros on Susana Mirosmik's little terrace as steaks sizzle on the parilla (barbecue), which will be a welcome reward for our efforts.

Susana has been dancing tango for more than 20 years and is one of the most well-known faces in the tango scene here. "You must learn to walk before you can dance," she says as she shows us how to move. "A graceful walk is the very basics of the dance."

We move in carefully measured circles around the terrace and begin to grasp the meditative aspect that aficionados claim is the essence of the tango experience.

Some come to Buenos Aires to watch spectacular tango exhibitions or to spend a fortune on months of private lessons. Some dedicated pilgrims come simply to immerse themselves in the serenity of the milongas. These are traditional local dances where the purest tango can be found, and Susana guides us to a milonga at La Nacional. Alcohol consumption is low and voices lower still. The men affect the stance of gentleman matadors and the women demure debutantes. On the dance floor any exuberant exhibitionism is frowned upon. Poise and reserve are the keys to acceptance at a traditional milonga like this.

I'm aware that elegance and matador poise are yet to establish a permanent place in my psyche, but under Susana's guidance I'm at least able to appreciate the under-stated subtleties of milonga footwork.

I might only be on my first steps to tango expertise but it feels good to be able to say that I have at least learned to really walk in Buenos Aires.

## TAKES THREE TO TANGO

### LEARN

- Susana Mirosmik is arguably the best contact to set up tango lessons in Buenos Aires. Her company Su Tours can also arrange everything from tango instructions to accommodation and weeklong tours of upcountry Argentina. **sutours.blogspot.com**

### PARTIES

- Some of the most recommended milongas — traditional local tango dances — are La Nacional, El Arranque and La Ideal. Milongas cost around $5 admission and many include an hour of tuition at the beginning. **buenosaires-milongas.com**

### SHOWS

- The most famous and spectacular tango shows can be seen at Rojo Tango (from $220; rojo-tango.com), at La Ventana Tango (from $90; tangotix.com) and La Esquina Carlos Gardel (esquinacarlosgardel.com.ar).

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### Travel in brief

Readers of Global Traveler magazine have voted Air Canada the best airline in North America. The award is based on responses from more than 36,000 readers of the magazine. Global Traveler readers are frequent premium travellers who average 32 round-trip flights a year, with 78 per cent travelling in first or business class regularly. Air Canada says winning the loyalty of premium customers is a priority for all carriers.
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These cookies not only can be enjoyed fresh but they freeze well and are perfect to share at a cookie exchange.

**Preparation:**

1 In bowl, whisk flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, soda and salt; set aside.

2 In bowl beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg and sour cream. Stir espresso powder into vanilla, add to butter mix; beat to combine.

3 Stir in flour mix and stir until combined. Stir in cocoa nibs and chocolate chips until combined. Roll level tablespoon (15 mL) of dough into a ball and roll into icing sugar and place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 350 F (180 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until top is cracked and firm to the touch. Repeat with remaining dough. Let cool in pan on rack.

EMILY RICHARDS

This recipe makes about four dozen cookies.

### Holiday prep

**We're here to help**
Every Wednesday until Christmas, Metro's Emily Richards will provide you tips to make the holiday whirlwind less stressful.

### Ingredients:

- 2 1/4 cups (550 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each baking powder and soda
- Pinch salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
- 1 tsp (5 mL) instant espresso powder
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) cocoa nibs
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) icing sugar

### Drink of the week

### Clementine Rosemary Martini

- 2 oz dry gin
- 1 oz Lillet Blanc
- 1 clementine, quartered
- 1 sprig rosemary
- 1 tsp lemon simple syrup
- Candied lemon peel

Muddle clementine, including peel, with needles from rosemary sprig. Add other ingredients, shake with ice, and strain into cold martini glass. Garnish with another sprig and a small amount of candied lemon peel.

**Note:** To make candied lemon peel and simple syrup, peel 3 lemons (avoiding white pith) and thinly slice. Boil strips with 500 ml water and 2 cups sugar until lemon turns translucent. Strain lemon out and let dry on baking tray. Add little water to leftover lemon syrup if needed. **JOE HOWELL, TORONTO BARTENDER**

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**Seize all of the opportunities that come your way during your post-secondary education and watch as various doors open up to you**

▶ Asad Chishti encourages employers to take note of a student's involvement in extra-curricular activities rather than simply considering their work experience.

## STUDENT VOICE

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The more I want something, the less I call it work.

There is, in my experience, no reason in this day and age for you to be working at a place or doing something you don't enjoy.

The career you do want to pursue requires now, more than ever, that you create your own experience.

Too many of my friends all across Canada are struggling after graduation to find work, struggling during university to find placements that aren't voluntary for their co-op terms, and are trying to find work in the summer and being turned down from hundreds of job postings relevant to their field of study.

As a second year engineering chemistry student at Queen's University, I'm not sure what the future holds for my career path.

Some of the graduates from my program go into consulting, some go into research and development, a few outliers become entrepreneurs — most return to school for graduate studies.

But it seems like to get a job, networking matters. The jobs that I've held have been both part-time and referred to me by people who worked there.

It is no surprise that fresh undergraduates are now competing not only among each other but also among more qualified, more experienced veterans of the job industry.

It's important to find an edge over the competition and to stand out by creating an outlet for your passion and future career. I believe we can take charge of our own future by getting involved now.

Because I think it's very important to dabble and supplement my studies with as many skills as possible, and I'm very involved in extra-curricular activities. I'm the assistant photo editor for the Queen's Journal, Canada's second oldest newspaper.

I help run an annual independently-organized TED talks event, TEDxQueensU.

Along with this, I've founded and am currently the chapter President of Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) Queen's University Chapter.

Employers need to look past the grades and the degrees. Students should be hired based on their ability to learn, not based on what they've already learned.

Watch out for the students who are already taking on different roles and establishing relationships. The university experience is not just about your transcript, it's about the people you meet and the opportunities you have as an individual to grow outside the classroom setting.

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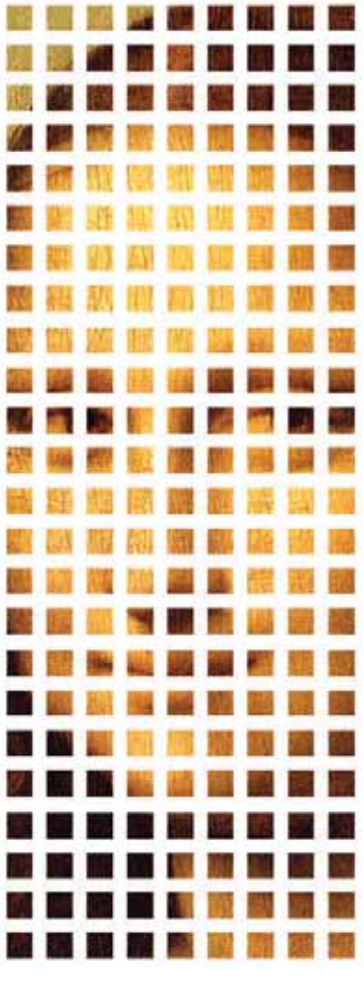

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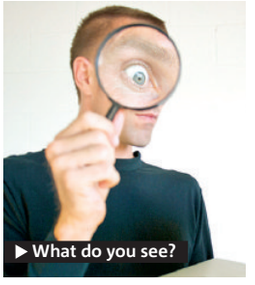
With more and more kinds of electronic gadgets for storing and manipulating data, experts in computer forensics need to deal with a lot more than just computers.

"Smartphones, iPads, tablets, GPS systems, game consoles, still and video cameras, the computers on cars — computer forensics techs are experts at extracting digital data so it can be used in court," explains Pamela King, director of the computer forensics program at Community College of Philadelphia.

The program, available at both the Center City and Northwest campuses, incorporates hands-on training. King says: "Students take classes in computer science and in criminal justice — and then specific computer forensics courses that bring these two fields together."

Students include people working in IT and paralegals who want to specialize in a growing field. There are also a fair number of career-changers, including people leaving the military.

"The combination of technology and law enforcement makes the field a good fit for them," King says.


▶ What do you see?

Some graduates begin working as soon as they get their associate's degree. Others go on to complete bachelor's degrees, though there are only a few four-year programs in the area — including Drexel, Chestnut Hill College and Holy Family. "It's exciting that [CCP] is one of so few schools offering this training," King says.

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The school project coincides with Vincent's visit to Canada in the spring of 2012: the National Gallery of Canada, located in the capital Ottawa, will host ' Van Gogh: Up Close' from May 25 – September 3 (2012). It will be the first major Canadian exhibition of works by the famous Dutch artist for more than 25 years.

**Useful teacher's kit**
Join us right now and we will send a teacher's kit including the 'See and Do Children's Book' from Ceciel de Bie and Martijn Leenen, a dvd about the life of 'Vincent van Gogh' to use in a class room setting. The teacher's kit will be distributed on a first come first served principle; last entries no later than January 17, 2012.

**Learn, explore and experience**
- **Learn** together with schools in the Netherlands that are participating in this project and would like to connect with schools in Canada.
- **Explore** possibilities of the 'Vincent van Gogh goes to school' project in your own class: it is not just about art per se. Van Gogh can be a history project, a biology project or even a language class.
- **Experience** the Netherlands and discover interesting facts about the Dutch, their country and the friendship with Canada.

Make - with your classmates and with the support of your teacher - an awesome painting of sunflowers; write a letter to Vincent; or, how about using your creativity to produce a movie, a rap, a comic, a poster, a board game or a picture? Increase your chances to win by uploading a video, a song, or a picture to the specially designed Ivincentincanada Facebook page from the Netherlands Embassy. Students can also sign up individually, and will be organized in the appropriate age category. The Sun Flowers – age group 6 – 10; The Irises – age group 10 – 13 and The Wild Roses – age group 13 – 16.

**Are you in?**
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## Players like NHL's plan to remake conferences

NHL players largely seem in favour of a proposed realignment plan that will require the support of their union before taking effect next season.

The major four-conference shakeup endorsed by the NHL's Board of Governors had players abuzz in dressing rooms around the league yesterday. Some were still getting a handle on what it meant and a few voiced concerns, but the overall reception was positive.

"It looks pretty fair," said Montreal Canadiens defenceman Hal Gill. "It's a little different. But it's not going to be perfect. Unfortunately, the map doesn't lend itself to perfect. You don't want to take away too many rivalries, so you have to figure it out."

The aspect of the proposal that elicited the most excitement from players was a new schedule matrix that includes a game in every city around the league.

Since the lockout ended in 2005, teams in the Eastern and Western Conference haven't played each other at home and away each season.

"I've played almost 100 games in the league and there are still teams I haven't played yet," said Ottawa Senators forward Zack Smith. "I think it's good to get around and see everybody and go to every city. I think fans will really enjoy it as well. They get to see a lot of the stars in the East, but this way they'll be able to see some of those guys in the West."

One area of concern is the fact that two conferences feature eight teams while the two others have seven.

That represents a significant competitive disadvantage since the same number of teams (four) will qualify for the playoffs in each conference.

"Personally, I'd like to have the same shot at making the playoffs as everybody else," said Flames winger Alex Tanguay.

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▶ Vancouver's Roberto Luongo, left, watches the play as Kevin Bieksa tries to clear out Colorado's T.J. Galiardi during the first period at Rogers Arena last night.

# Canucks push Avs aside with ease

### Schneider shares shutout after Luongo leaves game with injury

Daniel Sedin had a hat trick and Cory Schneider came off the bench to backstop the Vancouver Canucks to a 6-0 win over the Colorado Avalanche last night.

Jannik Hansen scored twice for the Canucks (16-10-1) who won for the seventh time in eight games and sealed the victory with four third-period goals in a span of four minutes and 25 seconds.

Alex Edler got the other Canuck goal.

Sedin gave the Canucks some breathing room in the third period after Schneider had to come in for Roberto Luongo, who was felled by a Gabriel Landeskog slapshot in the second period.

Sedin made it 3-0 when he outwaited Colorado (13-14-1) goaltender Semyon Varlamov, then scored the 5-0 goal by tapping home Alex Burrows' goalmouth pass.

It was the fifth career hat trick for Sedin, who opened the scoring on the Canucks' first shot of the game.

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Sedin has suddenly found his scoring touch, with six goals in his last four games, after an eight-game drought.

Luongo had been solid, making 13 saves before Landeskog's shot appeared to catch him under his mask. The Canuck netminder was on the bench for the third period.

Schneider, who blanked Colorado 3-0 on Nov. 13 after Luongo was injured, had to help his teammates stave off a two-man advantage soon after he entered the crease. He finished with 20 saves as the Canucks snapped a three-game Colorado win streak.

**13**
**Last night was the Canucks' 13th straight game against the Avalanche without a regulation loss.**

Vancouver was outplayed through the opening half of the first period, but Daniel Sedin's wrap-around beat the scrambling Varlamov, who made his seventh consecutive start.

The Avalanche, who were coming off an eight-game homestand, then survived a five-minute power play in what became a game of attrition.

Kevin Porter received a major penalty and a game misconduct for kneeing Vancouver forward David Booth. Booth had to be assisted to the locker room and did not return.

Colorado lost defenceman Ryan Wilson later in the period on a heavy hit into the end boards by Maxim Lapierre.

Schneider made 11 saves to get the Canucks into the third period with a 2-0 lead.

Hansen, promoted to the second line because of injuries, made it 2-0 with his third goal in as many games when he deposited Kevin Bieksa's return pass behind Varlamov.

Hansen then matched his career-high ninth goal with a rising shot from the top of the face-off circle.

Edler chased Varlamov at 9:40 of the third period with a rising shot that caught the goaltender going down early.

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## Engine

The base 328i sedan's previous 230-horsepower inline six-cylinder has been replaced by a 240-horsepower 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder.

The powerplant, which is also showing up in other BMW products, including the larger 5 Series and Z4 roadster, makes 260 pound-feet of torque and can propel the 3 Series sedan to 100 km/h in about six seconds, which is just a touch longer than the 335i's time. That model retains its 300-horsepower six-cylinder turbocharged engine.

## Dynamics Control

Standard on all models is a Driving Dynamics Control with four different settings, according to how vigorously you wish to pilot your Bimmer. The most fuel-efficient setting is the ECO PRO mode that, when activated, cuts the horsepower to save fuel (as much as 20 per cent, according to BMW). In ECO PRO, a special instrument-panel display indicates how far the 3's range has been extended.

## Fuel efficiency

An electric air conditioning compressor functions on a demand-only basis and a new feature shuts off the engine when you're stopped at intersections, red lights and other gridlock-related pauses, then instantly fires it up again when it's time to roll.

To offset the added power needs, the 3 Series features Brake Energy Regeneration. This system converts the kinetic energy produced when coasting or braking into electrical energy, which is then fed to the battery.

▶ Trust BMW to find a way to deal with restrictions while still providing a better car. But can the 3 Series please everyone?

# BMW's franchise player hopes to remain a leader

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Arriving in early 2012, the car that's literally "The Franchise" for BMW seems headed in an entirely new direction.

If nothing else, the 3 Series has kept up with the times, which call for significant improvements in fuel economy as well as a treadlightly footprint that reaffirms and enhances BMW's environmental awareness.

At the same time, BMW must maintain the passion and performance that has helped its star performer maintain its top-rung status.

The 2012 3 Series walks the walk in fine style. The sleeker-looking sedan is nearly nine centimetres longer and about five centimetres wider overall.

The changes to the car's basic shape mean a low-slung appearance, especially the front end that's more aerodynamic than the 2011 version.

But important for those who appreciate unrestricted views of the passing scenery, the 3 Series maintains its sensible low-waist, tall-window design along with thin roof and door pillars.

In an ever-changing environment — business and otherwise — the BMW 3 Series has adapted while still giving drivers precisely what they expect: a car that keeps up with times and continues as a technology, performance and fashion leader.

▶ Extra distance between the front and rear wheels means more cabin room, which is welcome because the 3 Series is not a very big car.

▶ Covered in plastic and tubing, what you can't see is the fact the new base engine has just four cylinders. It's turbocharged, which means there's more power on hand when needed than what the previous base six-cylinder provided.

### BMW 3 Series

**What you should know about the 2012 BMW 3 Series sedan:**

- **Type:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive entry-luxury sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (240); 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (300).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual; eight-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Market position:** BMW's range of 3 Series offerings are considered among the best entry-luxury sedans on the market and are frequently used by competing automakers as benchmarks for similarly targeted automobiles.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.0/6.5 (2.0, AT, est.).

5 drive

### By comparison

**Mercedes-Benz C-Class**
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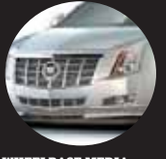

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# Kicking off Canada's motorcycle show season

## AUTO PILOT

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What can you do if you're a motorcycle enthusiast, but the weather's colder and bleaker than the heart of a Wall Street CEO? Head to a motorcycle show.

Curiously, you can also head to a motorcycle show, if you're a beef jerky enthusiast. I don't know why beef jerky vendors always set up at the edges of any motorcycle show floor, but they do, and God bless them and their dedication to the meat arts.

This winter's motorcycle/jerky show season starts this weekend in Toronto. The action will take place in the South Building of the Metro Convention Centre, from Friday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 11.

This is the show run by the manufacturers, via its Motorcycle and Moped Industry Council (MMIC). After Toronto, the MMIC show makes stops in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Quebec, Moncton and Montreal.

Avid motorcycle types know that Toronto hosts two major motorcycle shows.

The other one happens after the New Year, bills itself as the Supershow, and takes over the International Centre by the airport. No sense arguing over which one rules, let's just revel in the fact that we have two high quality cyclefests to check out when it's too chilly to ride.

Topping the list of bikes I want to check out at this weekend's show is Norton's addition to their Commando 961 line up — the Cafe Racer. Not quite as pretty as the original, but pretty darn close.

Retro is big business these days, but especially in the motorcycle industry, where the average buyer is in their mid-forties!

Where are the younger riders?

I put that question to Neil Graham, editor of Cycle Canada. While he is not sure where they are, or how big a group they currently comprise in the marketplace, he is "encouraged" at least by the industry's efforts to reach out to them. He cites all the new small, entry-level bikes currently in the marketplace. Bikes like Honda's CBR125R and CBR250R, Kawasaki's Ninja 250R and Ninja 400R, and the just released Suzuki TU250.

Women buyers are also still scarce on the ground. But Graham believes the number, however small, is at least trending up. No surprise then that the MMIC show in Toronto is "young rider" and "female rider" friendly.

She Rides Night (on Friday evening) will be a celebration of women who ride or who are considering taking up the sport.

And the Yamaha Riding Academy will be on site, to give 6-12 year olds a spin on a Yamaha TT-R offroad motorcycle, and to teach the older-folk (16 and up) how to ride a scooter. (Yamaha will also give away a motorcycle or ATV to the lucky winner of a show floor draw.)

But rest assured there are plenty of testosterone-friendly events and bikes too. Harley-Davidson will role out its heavy metal thunder, and also present an autograph session with UFC fighters Jake Shields and Brendan Schaub, and "Octagon Girl" Brittney Palmer. BMW will show off the S1000RR superbike and its new line of super scooters — the C600 Sport, and the C650T.

Honda will bring its new NC700 parallel twin, and the beautiful MV Augusta F3 675 will make its first Canadian appearance at the show.

Those are just a few of the cool bikes that make the show scene this weekend. According to MMIC there will be over 140 exhibitors. So surely something for everybody then, whatever your budget, desires, or meat eating tendencies.

The MV Augusta F3 675 is set to make its first Canadian appearance this weekend in Toronto.

### Sked

**MMIC Motorcycle Show Schedule**

- **Toronto** Dec. 9-11, 2011, Metro Toronto Convention Centre.
- **Calgary** Jan. 6-8, 2012, BMO Centre Stampede Park.
- **Edmonton** Jan. 13-15, Expo Centre, Northlands.
- **Vancouver** Jan. 19-22, Tradex Exhibition Centre, Abbotsford.
- **Quebec City** Feb. 3-5, Centre de foires de Quebec (site ExpoCite).
- **Moncton** Feb 10-12, Moncton Coliseum Complex.
- **Montreal** Feb 24-26, Palais des congres de Montreal.

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This protective device is made from a special polymer compound that the manufacturer claims will remain soft all the way down to –40 C.

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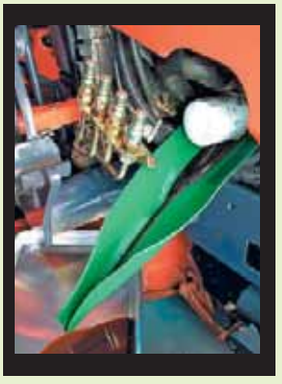

Adding engine oil or changing it can save you time and money since no appointment is necessary in your home shop.

The reason many people don't is because it can be a messy business where the car, you and the driveway end up covered in oil. The Form-A-Funnel is a highly-flexible product made of thin lead that's encased in mouldable rubber so it can be formed into whatever shape you need for directing used oil from your car's filter into a catch basin or when pouring a fresh quart into the crankcase. When finished, you just roll up the Form-A-Funnel until the next time it's needed. Purchase one for about $30 US from the links listed on the manufacturer's website, formafunnel.com.

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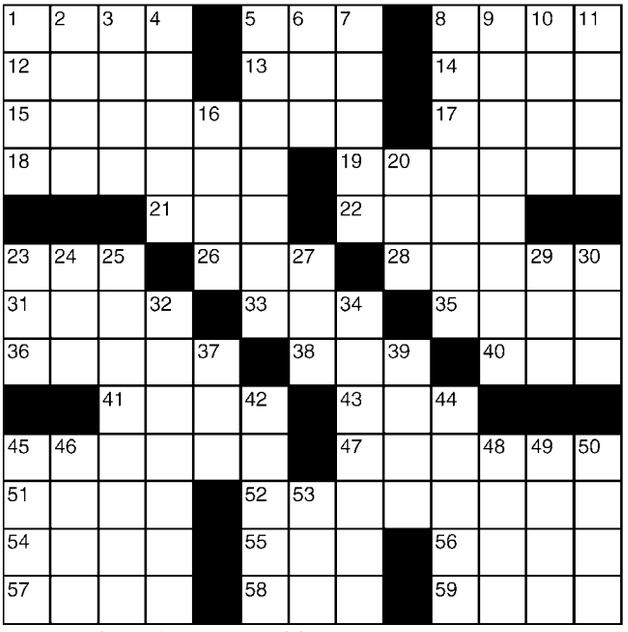

**Across**

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8 Streetcar
12 Winged
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14 Like a moray
15 End of an illness
17 Performances
18 Sycophants
19 Implant
21 Help
22 Entrance
23 Melody
26 Allow
28 Wild West show
31 "Star —"
33 Flop
35 Ginormous
36 Unspoken
38 Wager
40 Decay
41 Rhyming tributes
43 Airport overseer (Abbr.)
45 Move up and down
47 Busy
51 Gumbo need
52 Flinched
54 Nasty stinger
55 Cistern
56 Journalist Lisa
57 Caustic chemicals
58 Acapulco gold
59 London gallery name

**Down**

1 — a soul (nobody)
2 Sheltered
3 Pouches
4 Scent
5 Rewrote the Constitution
6 Supportive of
7 Monkeyed (with)
8 Quaint restaurant
9 Flute's cousin
10 Sax range
11 1990s video game
16 Bride's cover
20 Neither partner
23 Lawyer (Abbr.)
24 Playwright Levin
25 Source of help
27 Bathroom fixture
29 Id counterpart
30 Morsel for Dobbin
32 Abducts
34 Actually
37 Sleuth, for short
39 Mexican entree
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46 Fine
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49 Outlet
50 Advantage
53 Listener

**▶ Yesterday's answer**

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## Sudoku

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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**Yesterday's answer ▶**

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*Peaches, Missing you so very much. Not even sure if you read these...wish I could turn back the clock & make different choices. Sorry to have caused you pain. Please find it in your heart to call, even if to say how much you hate me. God, I miss you.* **ME**

*To my friends: You guys mean so much to me. You've helped me through a lot. We have our ups and downs but our friendship is still going strong. You have my back and if you need it you know i have yours.*
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## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** Your critics can complain all they want, but there's no stopping you from following your dream.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** If you stop worrying for a moment and analyze your financial situation, you'll realize it could be worse.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** A partner will say something that'll show you there's a lot about him or her you still don't understand.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** Spread the load today — get others to help you. They will, if you ask them nicely.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** You don't lack confidence but common sense is just as important, so think carefully before you take a big risk.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** Minor disagreements could easily get out of hand over the next 24 hours. Don't rise to the bait.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** You may be tempted to blame someone else when something goes wrong today. Instead, admit it's your fault.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** Watch out that you don't waste money on trendy things you don't need today. Set your own trends.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Your energy levels are high. What is your number one desire? Aim for that and nothing else.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** If you're fearful, it won't be until the Sun moves into your sign in a fortnight that you'll feel better.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** You'll have to be blunt with people who are unaware that you don't want to be bothered with trivia.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.** Whatever the upset or upheaval today, take it in stride. Don't let it faze you. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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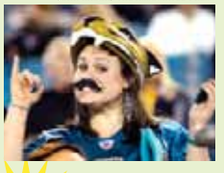

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OWN IT $100† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

WITH 2.9% FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS

**$0 DOWN PAYMENT**
ACCENT 5DR AUTO. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

HIGHWAY 4.8L/100 KM 59 MPG[ll]

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GLS model shown

Limited model shown

## 2012 ELANTRA TOURING

SPIRIT AND PRACTICALITY, IN PERFECT BALANCE.

OWN IT $114† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

WITH 0.9% FINANCING FOR 72 MONTHS

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HIGHWAY 6.4L/100 KM 43 MPG▼

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5-STAR SAFETY RATING▲

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SONATA GL 6-SPEED. DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

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HIGHWAY 5.7L/100 KM 50 MPG▼

Limited model shown

GLS model shown

## 2012 SANTA FE GL AUTO

POWERFUL AND EFFICIENT – THE TRUE DEFINITION OF A CROSS-OVER

OWN IT $175† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT INCLUDES $1,000 BONUS CASH^oo

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OWN IT $194† BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

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HIGHWAY 8.5L/100 KM 33 MPG▼

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